Powerlooms; (3) Handlooms and (4) Khadi Industry;

(b) whether Khadi industry is getting the lowest; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA): (a) to (c) So far as Handloom and Powerloom Sectors are concerned, R.E. (Plan) allocations for the Annual Plan 1998-98 of the Ministry of Textiles are Rs. 83.35 and Rs. 4.50 crores respectively which comes to 34.60% and 1.86% respectively of the total annual plan allocation of the Ministry of Textiles.

There is no general alloation for mill sector except mill that very nominal amount are allocated under the Plan Head in respect of nationalised textile mills.

According to information furnished by Ministry of Industry, following amounts have been allocated for Khadi during 1998-99 (R.E.):-

	(Rs. in Lakhs)
Khadi Grant	15960
Khadi Loan	2098
S & T (Khadi)	30

वस्त्र उत्पादन में गिरावट

309.श्री चीमनभाई हरीभाई शुक्ला: क्या वस्त्र मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या पिछले कुछ वर्षों से देश में वस्त्र उत्पादन की स्थिति संतोषजनक नहीं है और इसके उत्पादन में निरंतर गिरावट आयी है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं;

(ग) क्या देश में उचित मूल्यों के वस्त्र उत्पादन में निरंतर गिरावट आने के सम्बन्ध में कोई समीक्षा की गयी है;

(घ) क्या सरकार ने वस्त्र उत्पादन में वृद्धि करने के लिए कोई नयी कार्यनीति तैयार की है; और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है?

वस्त्र मंत्री (श्री काशीराम राणा): (क) से (ग) यार्न (फिलामेंट यार्न सहित) और फैब्रिक का उत्पादन वर्ष 1995-96 में क्रमशः 2485 मिलियन कि०ग्रा० और 31460 मिलियन वर्ग मी० से बढ़कर वर्ष 1997-98 में क्रमशः 2973 मिलियन कि०ग्रा० और 36896 मिलियन वर्ग मी० हो गया। अप्रैल-नवम्बर, 1997 में यार्न और फैब्रिक का उत्पादन क्रमशः 2506 मिलियन कि०ग्रा० और 24715 मिलियन वर्ग मी० थे जो कि अप्रैल-नवम्बर, 1998 के दौरान मामूली घटकर क्रमशः 2420 मिलियन कि०ग्रा० और 23806 मिलियन वर्ग मी० हो गए।

(घ) और (ङ) सरकार ने मौजूदा वस्त्र नीति की पुनरीक्षा और मूल्यांकन करने तथा उत्पादन में मात्रा तथा गुणवत्ता संबंधी सुधार लाने के उद्देश्य से आवश्यक संशोधन का सुझाव देने के लिए श्री एस०आर० सत्यम की अध्यक्षता में विशेषज्ञ समिति स्थापित की है।

Setting of Technology Upgradation Fund for Textile Industry

310. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to set up a large technology upgradation fund of Rs. 25,000/- crores from April 1, 1999 to modernise weaving and processing sectors of the textiles industry, jute industry in general and other cotton related industries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if so, what would be the *modus operandi* of the working of the fund;

(d) how Government propose to raise such large resources; and

(e) how Government would introduce such funds for the necessary modernisation, giving details of units for which it would be available?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA): (a) to (e) Government have decided to launch a Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS) for textile and jute industries for

modernisation and technology upgradation so as to enhace viability and competitiveness. Under the Scheme, identified sector of textile industry would be eligible for applying loan from designated nodal agencies. Nodal Agencies, after satisfying themselves, as regards viability etc. would advance loans to applicant unit at applicable rate of interest and the difference of amount between this rate of interest and prevailing market rate will be reimbursed by Ministry of Textiles from its plan funds by making necessary provisions in the budget.

12.00 Noon

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Notifications of the Ministry of Home Affairs

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): Sir, I lay on the Table—

I. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Home Affairs S.O. 55(E), dated February 22, 1999 publishing the Border Security Force (Amendment) Rules, 1999, under sub-section (3) of section 141 of the Border Security Force Act, 1968. (Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-2418/99)

II. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Home Affairs G.S.R. 8(E), dated January 4, 1999 publishing the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) (Amendment) Rules, 1998, under sub-section (3) of section 30 of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976. (Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-2417/99)

I. Economic Survey, 1998-99 and valuation Report of the Life Insurance Corporation of India.

II. Notifications of the Ministry of Finance.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BANKING, REVENUE AND INSURANCE) (SHRI KADAMBUR M.R. JANARTHANAN): Sir, I lay on the Table—

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(i) Economic Survey, 1998-99. (Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-2424/99)

(ii) Twenty-eighth Valuation Report of the Life Insurance Corporation of India for the year ended on the 31st March, 1998, under section 29 of the Life Insurance Corporation Act, 1950. (Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-2451/99)

IIA. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the following notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), under sub-section (4) of section 94 of the Finance Act, 1994, alongwith explanatory memoranda on the notifications:—

(i) G.S.R. No. 597, dated October 7, 1998 publishing the notification No. 53/98-ST dated 7.10.98 seeking to bring into force the provisions of section 116 of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1998 with effect from 16.10.98 including the levy of service tax on services specified in sub-sections (4) and (5) of section 66 of the Finance Act, 1994. (Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-2442/99)

(ii) G.S.R. No. 598(E), dated October 7, 1998 publishing the notification No. 54/98-ST regarding the Service Tax (Amendment) Rules, 1998.

(iii) G.S.R. No. 599(E), dated October 7, 1998 publishing notification No. 55/98-ST dated 7.10.98 regarding